DISPOSITION: January 25, 1952. Default decree of condemnation. The court ordered that the products be delivered to a charitable institution, for use as animal feed.

18189. Adulteration of coconut. U. S. v. 12 Bags, etc. (F. D. C. No. 31609. Sample Nos. 32203-L, 32204-L.)

LIBEL FILED: August 10, 1951, Eastern District of Missouri.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: From the Philippines prior to 1951.

PRODUCT: 20 100-pound bags of coconut at St. Louis, Mo.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of mites, rodent hair fragments, and rodent excreta, and of a decomposed substance by reason of the presence of mold. The article was adulterated while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

DISPOSITION: September 19, 1951. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

## POULTRY

18190. Adulteration of dressed poultry. U. S. v. Litchfield Produce Co., a corporation, and Arthur F. Peifer. Pleas of guilty. Fine of \$1,500 against corporation; individual fined \$1,000 and placed on probation for 3 years. (F. D. C. No. 30062. Sample No. 57176-K.)

INFORMATION FILED: December 21, 1950, District of Minnesota, against the Litchfield Produce Co., Litchfield, Minn., and Arthur F. Peifer, president of the corporation.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about August 15, 1950, from the State of Minnesota into the State of Connecticut.

LABEL, IN PART: "Majestic Brand Poultry \* \* \* Wilson & Co., Inc. Distributors \* \* \* General Offices Chicago, Ill."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of fecal matter and rodent excreta; and, Section 402 (a) (4), the article had been prepared and packed under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: December 6, 1951. Pleas of guilty having been entered, the court imposed a fine of \$1,500 against the corporation and a fine of \$1,000 against the individual and placed the individual on probation for 3 years.

18191. Adulteration of dressed poultry. U. S. v. 1,205 Pounds \* \* \* (F. D. C. No. 31726. Sample No. 25791-L.)

LIBEL FILED: September 25, 1951, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about September 11, 1951, by the Samor Poultry Co., from Wilmington, Del.

PRODUCT: 1,205 pounds of dressed poultry in 14 crates at Philadelphia, Pa.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of birds which were contaminated with fecal matter and crop material; and, Section 402 (a) (5), the article was in whole or in part the product of a diseased animal.